

Poverty

- In Kentucky, 15.8% of persons are in poverty, 23.1% of persons in the Cumberland WIA are in poverty. Poverty for families is slightly less than for persons, 12.7% and 18.7% respectively (Kentucky, Cumberland). For all types of family and work experience, poverty rates are higher in the Cumberland than in Kentucky.
- Married-couple families are less likely to be in poverty than other families, 13.7% vs. 39.3%, in the Cumberland. Approximately one-fifth of families are not comprised of married-couples. For 'other families' where the householder worked full-time, the poverty rate is lower, 9.3% for male householders and 15.8% for female householders.
- The first chart on the next page shows the percentage of people below poverty by family type and work experience. It's of no surprise that very few married-couple families with both the householder and spouse working full-time, year-round are in poverty, 0.3% in Kentucky.
- In the Cumberland, 20.4% of persons aged 18-64 were in poverty in 1999 (Census 2000). For children, the poverty rate was 30.6% and for those over the age of 65, 22.0% were in poverty.

Poverty status in 1999 by family type and work experience of householder

	Kentucky				Cumberlands WIA			
	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty
Total families:	1,110,426	969,907	140,519	12.7%	86,078	70,013	16,065	18.7%
Married-couple family:	870,930	801,655	69,275	8.0%	69,274	59,811	9,463	13.7%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999:	497,284	487,092	10,192	2.0%	34,588	33,062	1,526	4.4%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	221,746	221,036	710	0.3%	14,802	14,686	116	0.8%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	154,810	152,666	2,144	1.4%	10,702	10,415	287	2.7%
Spouse did not work in 1999	120,728	113,390	7,338	6.1%	9,084	7,961	1,123	12.4%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999:	167,314	149,004	18,310	10.9%	14,162	11,876	2,286	16.1%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	49,397	48,526	871	1.8%	3,584	3,460	124	3.5%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	61,761	55,226	6,535	10.6%	5,205	4,514	691	13.3%
Spouse did not work in 1999	56,156	45,252	10,904	19.4%	5,373	3,902	1,471	27.4%
Householder did not work in 1999:	206,332	165,559	40,773	19.8%	20,524	14,873	5,651	27.5%
Spouse worked full-time, year-round in 1999	33,054	31,062	1,992	6.0%	3,144	2,901	243	7.7%
Spouse worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	33,182	26,677	6,505	19.6%	3,380	2,428	952	28.2%
Spouse did not work in 1999	140,096	107,820	32,276	23.0%	14,000	9,544	4,456	31.8%
Other family:	239,496	168,252	71,244	29.7%	16,804	10,202	6,602	39.3%
Male householder, no wife present:	56,411	45,824	10,587	18.8%	4,019	2,822	1,197	29.8%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999	28,563	27,097	1,466	5.1%	1,679	1,523	156	9.3%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	13,137	9,767	3,370	25.7%	954	578	376	39.4%
Householder did not work in 1999	14,711	8,960	5,751	39.1%	1,386	721	665	48.0%
Female householder, no husband present:	183,085	122,428	60,657	33.1%	12,785	7,380	5,405	42.3%
Householder worked full-time, year-round in 1999	68,199	61,709	6,490	9.5%	3,804	3,202	602	15.8%
Householder worked less than full-time, year-round in 1999	53,433	28,541	24,892	46.6%	3,801	1,659	2,142	56.4%
Householder did not work in 1999	61,453	32,178	29,275	47.6%	5,180	2,519	2,661	51.4%

Poverty status in 1999 by age

	Kentucky				Cumberlands WIA			
	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty	Total	Above Poverty	Below Poverty	% Below Poverty
All Persons:	3,927,047	3,305,951	621,096	15.8%	292,020	224,587	67,433	23.1%
Under 5 years	261,914	201,590	60,324	23.0%	18,413	12,216	6,197	33.7%
5 years	52,707	41,160	11,547	21.9%	3,790	2,509	1,281	33.8%
6 to 11 years	332,125	261,850	70,275	21.2%	24,601	16,844	7,757	31.5%
12 to 17 years	331,489	270,088	61,401	18.5%	24,915	18,232	6,683	26.8%
18 to 64 years	2,472,272	2,122,200	350,072	14.2%	180,794	143,979	36,815	20.4%
65 to 74 years	271,101	237,961	33,140	12.2%	22,996	18,633	4,363	19.0%
75 years and over	205,439	171,102	34,337	16.7%	16,511	12,174	4,337	26.3%

Source: Census 2000 (SF 3, PCT60 and P87)